

**Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
Friday, December 15, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
Draft Meeting Notes

## **Key Decisions**

- Three subgroups were formed: Workplan, Science, and Membership.

## **Action Items**

- SAIC will put together a communications memo that outlines the communication protocol between Laura King Moon, SAIC, and the various Steering Committee parties.
- A request was made for a one-page summary of the draft workplan.
- Strive to finalize the workplan by January 12, 2007.
- Provide workplan comments to Workplan and Budget Subgroup representatives. Those not involved with the subgroup should send comments to Cindy Darling at [cindy.darling@resources.ca.gov](mailto:cindy.darling@resources.ca.gov).
- Cindy Darling and Karen Scarborough will email a list of new subgroup members.

## **1. Introductions/Updates**

- See attached list for meeting attendees.
- The Steering Committee received all signatures on the Planning Agreement. The final Planning Agreement will be distributed soon.
- The Steering Committee will be meeting every two weeks in 2007, starting on January 12. These slots will also potentially be used for subgroup meetings depending on the best use of those dates.
- Santa Clara Valley Water District is the third and final PRE to authorize the Cooperative Agreement. This agreement defines the PRE's percentage of payment to the consultant and governs the next few steps in the relationship with the consultant.
- Delta Vision is aiming to announce a blue ribbon task force and a list of stakeholders by the end of the year.

## **2. Consultant Introduction**

The Steering Committee selected Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) as the BDCP consultant. The SAIC team is headed by Paul Cylinder, who is the head of SAIC's Western Natural Resources Planning and Management Group. Pete Rawlings will serve as the Deputy Project Manager for the SAIC team.

Laura King Moon will serve as SAIC's point of contact for the Steering Committee. Direction from the Steering Committee, when not provided at Steering Committee meetings, should be communicated through Laura.

## **3. Draft Workplan Review**

The Steering Committee reviewed SAIC's *Draft Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Work Plan* (Dated 12.12.06). This is not the actual plan, but rather provides the statement of work, schedule, and assumptions for tasks for SAIC to prepare the BDCP, including:

- Task 1: Project Management
- Task 2: Support Public Involvement and Outreach Program (to be supported by a separate contract)
- Task 3: Support Science Advisory Process (to be supported by a separate contract)
- Task 4: Covered Activities
- Task 5: Ecological Baseline and Data Compilations and Report
- Task 6: Impact Assessment
- Task 7: Conservation Strategy

- Task 8: Economic Analysis
- Task 9: Draft Bay-Delta Conservation Plan
- Task 10: Final Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

SAIC noted the Steering Committee's concerns and changes to the document. The Steering Committee established a Workplan subgroup, which will continue to refine the draft workplan. Additional changes should be emailed to your Workplan subgroup representative, who will bring them to the next subgroup meeting (date TBD). The intent is to implement these revisions and bring a final work plan draft to the January 12 Steering Committee meeting.

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#### **4. Science Subgroup Creation**

The Steering Committee will establish a Science subgroup, with members from the four main sectors. This group will examine in more detail the Steering Committee's approach to the science process, including whether to use an existing CALFED science panel or establish its own independent process.

#### Action Items:

- Cindy Darling and Karen Scarborough will email a list of Science subgroup members.

#### **5. Steering Committee Membership Process**

The Steering Committee will establish a Membership subgroup to determine the Steering Committee's process for adding new members. This process must be inclusive, value-added, and support the current process as-is with no changes. The intent is to have this process pinned down by early next year.

The California Farm Bureau and Defenders of Wildlife both expressed interest in joining the Steering Committee.

#### **6. Public Comment**

- Serge Birk from the Central Valley Project Water Association voiced concern about using the best available data to make long-term planning decisions.
- David Bolland from the Association of California Water Agencies expressed support for conservation planning and the BDCP. ACWA will continue to communicate with the water industry and beyond; and to report its members' concerns to the BDCP.
- Jackie McDoldald from Somach, Simmons & Dunn requested that the workplan (specifically, the first assumption on the last page) remain consistent with the Planning Agreement.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

The next meetings are scheduled for January 12 and January 26, 2007. Meetings for 2007 are scheduled on an every-other-Friday basis.

**Handouts** SAIC's *Draft Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Work Plan* (Dated 12.12.06)